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men of the convention to prevent its adoption. Many of the leaders of the party in the State, who are in the convention, are strongly opposed to the adoption of such a resolution, or of instructing the delegates. It is understood that these will nearly all make speeches on the floor of the convention to-day in opposition to the resolution and with chances of success.

The Platform.
There is nothing striking in the platform. It was evidently the intention of the committee to draft a document which could not be assailed because of the violence which it might do to the opinions of any Democrat. It will not offend.

The contests for positions to be given by the convention were pretty. There was an immense amount of hard work done by the friends of the many candidates and the buttonholing and exercise of the gentle art of persuasion were features of every group of delegates. But the fact that such things as were being discussed are generally settled in less conspicuous places than street corners and hotel lobbies, made such work of no great significance. There were some surprises, but the result in nearly every case had been discounted. It was believed by many that Hon. Sam. W. Williams would be one of the electors at large. He was beaten. It was thought that Hon. William A. Jones would be one of the delegates at large, but he fell far short of the number of votes necessary. There were some who had said that it was doubtful if the friends of Senator Martin, who controlled the convention, absolutely would allow Governor Montague to be one of the delegates. Many of the strongest friends of the junior senator voted for the Governor.

Brilliant Oratory.

And who shall do justice to the oratory? It may be said that some of the eloquence was a surprise also. Of course, it was expected that such men as the Governor, and Senator Daniel, and Senator Martin, and Mr. Swanson, and Mr. Braxton would delight the convention, as they did at the afternoon session, and nobody was surprised when Mr. R. Walton Moore swept the convention off its feet by the magnificent speech which he made in placing the name of Governor Montague in nomination for the position of delegate at large, but when some of the younger men of the convention were seen to be making the old stagers on the floor stamp their feet and clap their hands, the spectators began to wake up. The wit and humor of Mr. Willard's speech, for instance, especially after he had said he was too modest to address the convention, came as a delightful surprise.

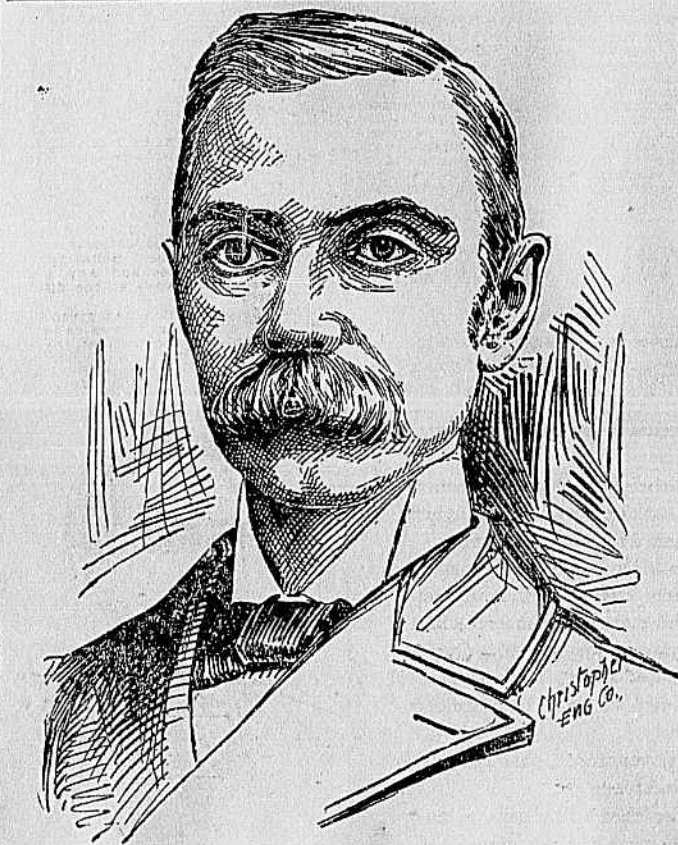
And then there was Mr. R. T. Withers, whose flowers thrown at Hon. Harry S. George Tucker, mightily pleased the delegates, and lastly, but not in any sense least, there was Mr. Leslie Gar-

nett, of Mathews, who made his maiden speech in a State convention in placing the name of J. Boyd Sears before the body for the position of elector at large. Who could resist this? "Sears, who comes from the country of the glittering herring, the succulent oyster, pretty women, and Democratic majorities." The convention couldn't, and there was a storm of applause following its utterance.

Harry Tucker's Views.

And then there was Harry Tucker, not strictly a young man as years go, but young in every sense that makes men attractive, whose speech in acknowledgment of the honor the convention had done him was a gem of its kind and the kind is one which political conventions always want to hear. He is one of those Democrats who did not believe that all the declarations of the Democratic platform adopted at Chicago in 1896, were in accordance with Democratic tradition and policy, and his reference to "his enforced absence" from the party elicited rounds of applause.

But it would be an impossible task to mention all of the features of the convention. There were many, some of them usual, some singular enough to cause comment. The convention is composed of a greater number of representative men than any body of the kind in Virginia in years. It



HON. J. TAYLOR ELLYSON.

Twice honored yesterday, being re-elected State Chairman and Member of the National Committee.

is also most noticeable that the great majority of the delegates are not yet at middle age. The young men give snap and spirit to the convention.

Perhaps the great feature of the convention is the general belief that the result of the next election will be such as to make all Democrats feel good. Victory is in the air. The elation which precedes it is in the hearts of the young men and the old men which compose the convention, manifested not only in speech, but in the very smiles that breathe the faces of the Democrats who are helping to shape the policy and select the color bearers of the party.

Perhaps all this descriptive matter might be condensed into the declaration that it is a Virginia Democratic Convention, with most of the bad features eliminated and all the good ones accentuated. The Governor in his speech to the convention yesterday afternoon said that the eyes of the country were on Virginia. The declaration evoked great applause. It was as if the delegates had thought so before Governor Montague told them. Differing as to policy and men, earnest advocates of candidates and measures, yet plenty ready to have a good time as opportunity offers, the delegates are as thoroughly representative of the patriotism, the wisdom, and the high character of the people of Virginia as any who have formed a State con-

DELEGATES AT LARGE, THE "BIG FOUR" OF VIRGINIA AT NATIONAL CONVENTION



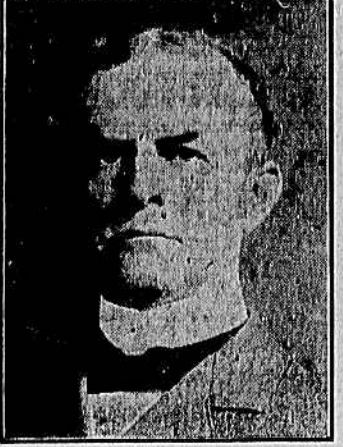
HON. JOHN W. DANIEL.



HON. THOMAS S. MARTIN.



HON. A. J. MONTAGUE.



HON. A. C. BRAXTON.

vention in the old Commonwealth in many a year.

THE OPENING SESSION.

Chairman Ellyson Calls Convention to Order Shortly Past Noon.

With the promptness in business for which he is noted, State Chairman J. Taylor Ellyson came upon the platform of the convention hall a few minutes before 12 o'clock, noon. At that instant the hand struck up a lively air, and the scene was a lively one.

Mr. Braxton, whom everyone looked upon as a decided leader of the body, occupied a seat with the Augusta delegation, and was surrounded by a group of admirers from time to time.

The convention broke into the wildest

this republic is. "Who shall deliver me from the body of the dead?"

In speaking of platforms the chairman said: "The worst platform that the Democrats would adopt, would be better under a Democratic administration, than the best platform that the Republicans would adopt under a Republican administration."

Hope of Deliverance.

"Democrats of this nation, the republic looks to you for this deliverance, and we will execute our high mission, the God of nations being our helper."

Great demonstrations of applause greeted this striking utterance, and the speaker, fired by the flattering response, launched into a splendid appeal for Democratic harmony, and in concluding the brilliant period, said, with uplifted arms and amid great cheering:

"After we shall have named our leader, whoever he may be, let us hold up his hands in battle, and by our labors bear him on to a triumphant victory at the polls."

The speaker appealed to his hearers in the name of history and of progress to bury their differences of all kinds and present a solid phalanx to the foe, and to redeem the nation from its present plight of tyranny and anarchy.

Judge Cassell was loudly cheered when he had concluded his remarks, and he at once declared the convention ready for business.

The chair called for the reports of the districts in their numerical order, and the First was read amid silence.

Second and Third made no response, and the delegates knew that trouble was still on in these quarters.

The other delegations then reported in their order without incident.

Governor Montague walked leisurely up the aisle at 1:15 o'clock, and the greatest demonstration up to this time broke loose. There was cheering and hand-clapping on the stage, on the floor, and everywhere, and Colonel Burton suspended the reading of the reports and the band struck up a brief air, the delegates on the floor keeping time enthusiastically with their feet.

The Governor bowed and blushed and took a modest seat on the end of one of the rows on the stage.

The seats of the Second and Third District delegations, both in the north-west corner of the hall, before one another, were still vacant, and it was now nearly 1:30 o'clock.

Mr. Hay, of Madison, made a motion that all resolutions offered be referred to the Committee on Resolutions without debate, and it was agreed to.

Mr. John W. Williams, clerk of the House of Delegates, was named as assistant secretary by Colonel Burton, and during a lull in the proceedings there were loud calls for popular favorites.

Call for Favorites.

The scene on the floor was an inspiring one. Delegates arose and cheered themselves hoarse for "Montague," "Daniel," and "Martin," but amid the mingled call none of the gentlemen responded, preferring, no doubt, to await some more opportune time, when all the delegates would be present, and when there was something of discussion before the body. But the demonstrations and counter-demonstrations were kept up, and the utmost good feeling among all, until the chair rapped heavily upon the table with his gavel and announced that immediately upon an adjournment for recess the three important committees of the convention would meet at the following respective places:

Credentials—Murphy's Annex; Resolutions—Hotel Richmond; Permanent Organization—Hotel Richmond; and the three committees named above immediately convened to formulate their reports, while the delegates, alternates and visitors went in search of lunch.

The morning session was largely formal, all the fighting being reserved for the afternoon, and the delegates seemed in a fine humor with one another.

The features were the splendid speech of temporary Chairman Cassell, which was brief, but in good taste, and the demonstration accorded Governor Montague and Senator Daniel when they entered the hall.

Senator Martin came in to see some friend toward the latter part of the session, but he evidently kept himself as far as possible without the public view, and his presence was therefore observed by but few of the delegates.

At the morning session the seats on the stage were not all taken, many of the big leaders remaining at their hotels and others sitting with their local delegations.

Chairman Cassell made an excellent presiding officer, as do most men, who like himself, have had long experience on the bench. When he had finished the delivery of his clear, terse and eloquent speech to the body, former Governor Tyler, his townsman and friend, and many other leaders crowded about him to press his hand in congratulation.

Committees Recommended.
The recommendations of the various district conventions were all confirmed by the general body as a matter of time-honored custom, and were as follows:

On Resolutions.
First District—Committee on Resolutions—W. A. Jones, Richmond county; James M. Lewis, of Essex; Dr. Charles Smith, of Northampton.

Second District—John B. Pinner, W. A. Davis, Leigh R. Watts.

Third District—E. B. Thompson, A. T. Wickham and Mary H. Barnes.

Fourth District—W. A. Land, of Norfolk; Timothy Rives of Prince George, and J. P. Sadler, of Powhatan.

Fifth District—R. F. Shelton, Floyd; J. W. Carter, Henry; E. B. Reid, Pittsylvania.

Sixth District—A. A. Phlegar, Montgomery; A. F. Thomas, Campbell county; H. B. Melvin, Halifax county.

Eighth District—C. M. White, Fauquier; R. T. Green, Culpeper; A. A. Lipscomb, Alexandria county.

Ninth District—R. P. Buchanan, Smyth; E. Lee Trinkle, Wythe; R. Tate Irvine, Wise.

Tenth District—S. B. Whitehead, Nelson; A. C. Braxton, Staunton; William

A. Anderson, Rockbridge.

Committee on Credentials.
First District—J. R. Saunders, Middlesex; G. Walter Mapp, Accomac; A. S. Rice, Northumberland.

Second District—Nelson S. Groome, A. J. Ackiss, W. E. Howie.

Third District—S. L. Kelley, D. H. Leake, H. G. Buchanan.

Fourth District—T. B. Price, Brunswick; J. R. Stevenson, Dinwiddie; J. W. Hendrick.

Fifth District—E. J. Harvey, Patrick; W. D. Haynes, Franklin; L. E. Fuller, Pittsylvania.

Sixth District—Frank Nelson, Campbell county; J. T. Cowan, Montgomery.

Seventh District—Dr. H. M. Rogers, of Rockingham; George B. Farroitt, of Greene; W. T. Lewis, of Clark.

Eighth District—S. G. Brent, Alexandria city; R. H. Tebbis, Loudoun; B. M. Newhouse, Culpeper.

Ninth District—John D. Bradley, Washington; John E. Smith, Scott; B. F. Wilson, Russell.

Tenth District—F. W. King, Alleghany;

Fembroke Pettit, of Fluvanna; A. A. Brooks, of Buena Vista.

Permanent Organization.
First District—Walter E. Hathaway, Lancaster; John I. Daniel, W. J. Parker.

Second—E. I. Ford, J. D. Pretlow, Dr. F. W. Shields.

Third—J. B. Wood, T. H. Edwards, Drewry Cheatham.

Fourth—Dr. Bland Powell, of Powhatan; W. C. Wynne, of Lunenburg, and J. J. Eason, of Sussex.

Fifth—O. W. Dudley, Danville; H. A. Cox, Grayson; J. P. Acree, Danville.

Sixth—Thomas W. Scott, Charlotte county; Eugene Old, Campbell county; J. W. Pepper, Montgomery county.

Seventh—A. H. Snyder, of Rockingham; William H. Boaz, of Albemarle; S. J. Richey, of Page.

Eighth—J. H. Cochran, Fauquier; E. J. Woodville, Orange; L. F. Schade, Fairfax.

Ninth—Martin Williams, Giles; M. B. Spencer, Lee; N. E. Spessard, Craig.

Tenth—E. A. Gray, Fluvanna; W. C. Booker, Botetourt; B. T. Gordon, Nelson.

Delegates to St. Louis.
First District—C. B. Jones, of King and Queen county; alternate, J. W. Chiles, of Richmond county; Dr. Frank Fletcher, of Accomac county; alternate, Dr. Garland P. Moon, Cape Charles city.

Second—J. Peter Holland, E. I. Ford.

Third—C. W. Meredith, W. B. Bradley.

Fourth—Robert Turnbull, Brunswick; A. R. Hobbs, Prince George.

Fifth—E. S. Keen, Franklin; R. A. James, Pittsylvania; alternates, R. White Plain, Martinsville; W. R. Mitchell, Danville.

Sixth—Roy B. Smith, Roanoke; C. R. Craddock, Lynchburg; alternates, C. D. Dewitt, Roanoke county; J. W. Carlton, Halifax county.

Seventh—Marshall McCormick, of Clarke, and Judge John M. White, of Albemarle

county; alternates, Howell T. Miller, of Hampshire, and R. S. Blackburn, Smith, of Clarke.

Eighth—Frank Hume, J. B. Thornton; alternates, D. A. Slaughter, Culpeper; J. A. C. Keith, Fauquier.

Ninth—W. D. Smith, Scott; O. E. Jordan, Pulaski; alternates, James A. Stone, Bristol; S. W. Ashton, Russell.

Tenth—Thomas F. Ryan, Nelson county; W. E. Allen, Alleghany; alternates, H. E. Strode, Amherst; R. G. Mitchell, Rockbridge.

First—L. C. Garnett, Mathews.

Second—R. W. Withers, Nanamond.

Third—John Garland Pollard, Richmond.

Fourth—Charles T. Lassiter, Petersburg.

Fifth—D. W. Bolen, Carroll.

Sixth—Don R. Halsey, Lynchburg.

Seventh—G. B. Koezel, Rockingham.

Eighth—C. C. Hoarby, Alexandria.

Ninth—W. F. Rhea, Bristol.

Tenth—W. Kinckle Allen, of Amherst.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
Daniel Called to the Platform and Given an Ovation.

The hall filled up rapidly for the afternoon session, and now and then, above the din of conversation and the noise of moving feet, could be heard the soft strains of music by the band.

The leaders appeared fresh and alert, and were evidently in good form to enter any battle which might develop later in the proceedings.

Clerk of the House of Delegates John W. Williams, assistant secretary of the convention, was the first officer of the body to arrive, and Secretary Burton and Chairman Cassell came upon the stage a little later on.

Meanwhile leaders were coming in rapidly and taking their seats upon the stage. Delegates fairly swarmed on the floor, and before the chair was resumed, every available space in the great hall was occupied and many were ranged around the walls and sitting in the windows.

Chairman Cassell's big gavel fell promptly at 3:45 o'clock, and he awaited silence on the floor, while the band played an enlivening air. He called at once for the reports of the Second and Third Districts, and the latter, and it was read by the secretary. The Second not being ready, the report of the Committee on Permanent Organization was called for, and read by Mr. Hathaway, of Lancaster.

Hay Is Cheered.
The name of Congressman James Hay was cheered when it was read out. The other temporary officers were made permanent, and the report was adopted.

Messrs. W. E. Hathaway, of Lancaster; W. W. Dudley, of Danville, and Eugene Old, of Campbell, escorted the permanent chairman to his post, and there was an uproarious cheering when Mr. Hay was introduced by Mr. Hathaway.

When he assumed the gavel there was another demonstration, which lasted for some moments.

Addressing the body Mr. Hay said: "Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention, thank you for the honor which you have conferred upon me. In order that I may discharge successfully the duties of the chair, I need your co-operation and forbearance; I am conscious that the interests of the Democratic party are united; they expect from us such action as will ensure to the best interests of the party. What we need in this campaign is a sound platform and a safe candidate."

Revise the Tariff.
We demand a revision of the tariff which will not disturb the legitimate industries of the country, but which shall destroy the protected trusts and make it possible for our own people to buy in home markets manufactured here articles as cheaply as they can be bought in foreign markets by foreign people.

We demand an honest administration of the government, which shall make impossible the corruption and graft which have disgraced this administration. Let us see the books and turn the rascals out.

We demand an economical administration of government affairs, and denounce the reckless extravagance of the Republican party, which has made it necessary to levy burdensome taxes.

We denounce the appropriation of the people's money by executive order.

As citizens of the republic we view with alarm the acts and tendencies of President Roosevelt. He has done more to arouse sectional feeling than all of his predecessors; he has trampled upon the rights of the legislature and by executive order has usurped the powers inherent in the representatives of the people. He has alarmed the business interests of the country and has destroyed confidence in the world of industry. He has ignored every sacred tradition of the presidential office and has impaired its pristine dignity. His election will mean the con-

tinuance of all the ills which now beset us, and will grant him a lease of power, the evils of which no man can foretell. But, thank God, the Democratic party is united; it presents a solid front. It is not restricted to the choice of one man.

Party Has Men.
It has men who are worthy of the highest honors of the republic. It can nominate at St. Louis a man of great ability, of unquestioned integrity, of magnificent courage; learned in the law, wise in council; a man who if elected, will

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On motion of Hon. H. D. Flood, the rules of the House of Delegates were adopted for the government of the body, and the chair called for nominations for the position of member of the National Democratic Committee. Hon. W. D. Cardwell, of Hanover, presented the name of the incumbent, Hon. J. Taylor Ellyson, and he was unanimously elected.

On motion of Colonel Grenville Gaines, of Fauquier, made by a rising vote, Mr. Ellyson was then, on motion of Mr. Cardwell, unanimously re-elected chairman of the State Democratic Committee.

Mr. Ellyson Speaks.
The distinguished leader, now grown gray in the service of his party, was enthusiastically cheered for, and he came forward and turned his thanks in a most graceful manner. He expressed his grateful appreciation of the dual honor, and promised his best efforts for a glorious victory in November.

Election of delegates at large to St. Louis was now declared in order, but Mr. Barksdale moved that a recess be taken until 5 o'clock in order to allow the Committee on Credentials to report. There were cries of "No!" "No!" "Sit down!" "Put him out!" and the motion of Mr. Barksdale was overruled.

For want of order was raised and sustained by the chair, that until the Committee on Credentials had reported, the convention was not properly organized.

Great confusion prevailed and the Chair announced that pending the report no business was in order.

Mr. Barksdale moved that the Committee on Credentials be heard from pending the committee report, and there were cries for Daniel, Wyser and others, and finally the convention voted unanimously to hear Senator Daniel.

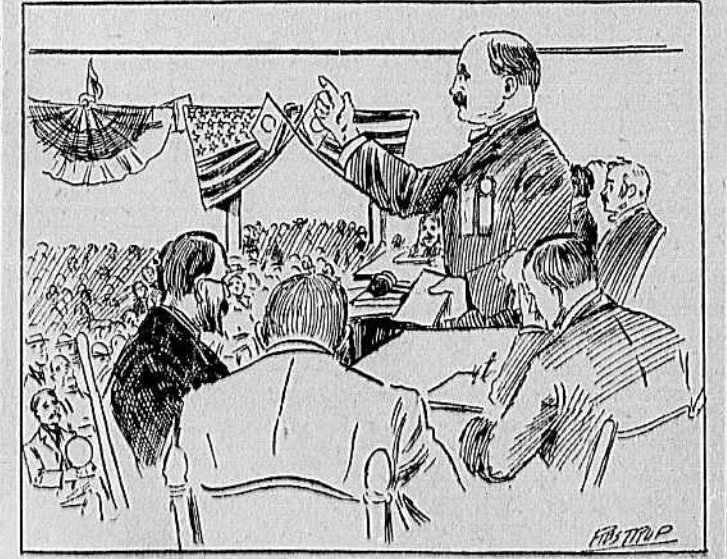
"BIG MEN" SPEAK.
Daniel, Martin, Montague and Braxton Given Ovations.

The "lame lion" limped upon the stage amid one of the most remarkable demonstrations of approval ever witnessed in a Virginia Democratic convention. The delegates were thrown into a perfect spasm of delight and the enthusiasm was greatly augmented when Senator Daniel was pulled upon the stand and the band played "Dixie."

The convention was now fairly roused with delegates, and the Senator, never in better form, was addressing as proud and chivalrous a body of men as ever composed a State convention.

Senator Daniel declared that he was perhaps the first person who had ever been elected a "big man." The convention would have to indulge him if it took in him, and to realize the unusual some time for him to realize the unusual and unique honor. The members roared in delight.

Proceeding, the distinguished speaker conveyed to the Democrats of Virginia represented by his audience his grateful and heartfelt thanks for their confidence in him, and with much feeling declared that he would ever contribute his best and most earnest endeavors to all that made to the best interests of the Democracy of the Old Dominion. He concluded with a review of the issues of the day, and spoke first of the late constitutional upheavals in the State. With a brief and rapid glance, but comprehensive, he reviewed this work of clarification and pointed out the utter futility



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